

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, that...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you very much.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Withem, your light is next.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I put my light on simply because I took a long time of Senator Chambers' time responding to his question, and if he had points to make that my trying to remember my sixth grade mathematics didn't allow him to do, I would yield my time to him.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Withem, were you giving me your time to just discuss the amendment or...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Well, it's because I took a lot of time in trying to get the mathematics worked out on answering your question, so you may have my time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And, members of the Legislature, I want to give a little bit more detail about why I support the amendment. As Senator Withem indicated when he first presented it, it doesn't go nearly as far as I would like to see us go in terms of what we put into the resolution, but at least it narrow the field to some extent. Many times some of us who are not tied to parties or organizations and associations have a clearer vision than those who do have those tie-ins. I can look beyond what we are debating now. I can look beyond the Governor's desire to appear to be a big shot by having gotten this through the Legislature, Governor Leavitt's attempt to do whatever it he is trying to do, and see what impact it is going to have on the Legislature. These others are not affected nor are their branches of government affected when the legislative process is mangled. We are the ones who are affected. Later on, if Nebraska agrees to this and sends delegates, there are things, I assure you, which will come out of that gathering that Nebraska members of the Legislature are not going to agree with and their constituents certainly will not agree with. And the best documentary evidence of what our intentions were at the time that all this was being voted on by the Legislature will be what we put in the resolution of agreement. And some of the specific